

arise, I doubt not that it will be conducted and determined with the quietness, dignity, and mutual toleration so necessary to ascertain truth, and so salutary in preserving in their true essence, both the Federal and State authorities. In that spirit Congress now acts, in merely providing the mode of representation, but leaving all the details of interior arrangement to the Legislatures of the States, whose local knowledge and personal acquaintance will enable them to consult the popular convenience and the popular wish in the formation of districts in a far greater degree than can possibly be done here. All must at once perceive that this mode of interposition is the least exertion of the authority of this Government, and leaves the amplest field of power and discretion to the State Legislatures which is at all consistent with the great end proposed.

*From W. R. Albright.*

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Sandy Grove, N. C., 3d June, 1842.

I wish you to send me a copy of Mr. Poindexter's Report on the expenditures of the Publick Money, and also please state to me when it was, that the Appropriation of \$6000 was made to furnish the President's House, was it at the Extra Session, or was it not at the latter part of the last Session under Mr. Van Burens Administration I have lost the time and wish to know it, it will be brought against us, as extravagant.

I also wish to know how much of it has been used, whether all or part only, I also wish to know how much was used in the purchase of Furniture for President Jackson in his 8 years, & how much in Mr. Van Burens 4 years, and any other information that you may think adviseable.

I must here be permitted to return you my thanks for the documents you have already sent me. Could you not send me another of Mr. Simmons<sup>58</sup> Speeches. You sent me one & I loaned it to some one & do not know who.

We will soon commence the Campaign with a greater zeal than I had expected. I was at Hillsboro Court last week, when & where each party made out Tickets as you have heard, I Expect, & I never saw the Whigs more sanguine in Orange. Governor More-

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<sup>58</sup> James Fowler Simmons (1795-1864), of Rhode Island, manufacturer, United States senator, 1841-1847, 1857-1862.